

problem is the potential of a property tax revolt by the citizens of Nebraska. Now the Governor of the state may feel the need to play chicken, if you will, with disaster, but I, frankly, don't feel like I ought to be party to that. I would like to try and I think this Legislature ought to try to do what is responsible and in my mind responsible is to provide state aid to education in as large an amount of money as we can manage to get it done. And that is not the only place we ought to be trying to provide property tax relief. So I think at this point in time the Governor made it clear to us that he is not happy with anything other than what he proposed and I think we have a responsibility in this Legislature to make it clear that we are not happy with the kind of game that he is playing and that is chicken with the property taxpayers and the people who are just dissatisfied with the burden in this state. One of the ways we might be able to devise and frame the issue is if, in fact, we vote for Senator Lamb's amendment. If we do that, I am sure at that point in time Senator Lamb will be supportive of state aid. Ha ha. But that is the problem I have here. I have one gentleman colleague who is not always so sincere versus the Governor who is not so sincere, and I am not sure just exactly what to do. But I think that at this point in time we ought to be paring back the A bill on 994 so that we can provide or set the framework for property tax relief in 341. So I will support Senator Lamb's amendment even though I wish his commitment to property tax relief was a little greater than what it seems to be and has been in the past.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Vickers, speaking to the Lamb amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the Lamb amendment and would remind the body that in spite of the nice language that has been used on this floor about rather do it for property tax relief and all those types of things that there are, as Senator Newell pointed out, some people that haven't voted necessarily to do that. I guess I would question whether or not this \$10 million if Senator Lamb is successful if he is willing to add that onto the \$25 million that he is trying to cut from LB 341. And